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### STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)

Applicant/Patent Owner: BELL, David W.  
Application No./Patent No.: 09/764,691 Filed/Issue Date: January 18, 2001  
Entitled: Low Insertion Force Tip/Mandrel  
Beckman Coulter, Inc., a Delaware corporation  
(Name of Assignee) (Type of Assignee, e.g., corporation, partnership, university, government agency, etc.)

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April 17, 2003  
Date

Deborah J. Stouff

Typed or printed name

Deborah J. Stouff  
Signature

Assistant Corporate Secretary

Title

# ASSIGNMENT

In consideration of good and valuable consideration, of which I acknowledge receipt, I sell and assign to Beckman Coulter, Inc. a Delaware Corporation, its successors and assigns the entire right, title and interest in and to the improvements in

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invented by me, as described in the application for United States patent executed currently herewith, and any and all applications for patent and patents therefor in any and all countries, including all divisions, reissues, continuations and extensions thereof, and all rights of priority resulting from the filing of said United States application, and authorize and request any official whose duty it is to issue patents, to issue any patent on said improvements or resulting therefrom to said Beckman Coulter, Inc., or its successors or assigns and agree that on request and without further consideration, but at the expense of said Corporation, I will communicate to said Corporation or its representatives or nominees any facts known to me respecting said improvements and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing and reissue applications, make all rightful oaths and generally do everything possible to aid said Corporation, its successors, assigns, and nominees to obtain and enforce proper patent protection for said invention in all countries.

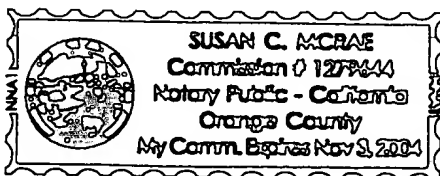
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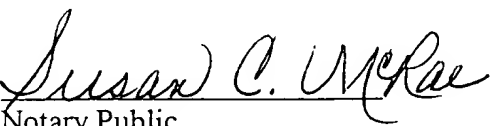
  
David W. Bell

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On January 17, 2001, before me, Susan C. McRae, a Notary Public for the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared DAVID W. BELL, personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his authorized capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.



  
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